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FOREWORD

In March 1987 the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS) published a slim volume entitled **Premiers' Conferences, 1887 - 1986.** It was essentially a list of conferences giving the date, location, and host government for each. The present publication not only brings the list up to date, but substantially expands the information given to include (where available) the agenda, names of Premiers attending, the number attending for each delegation, and a list of the communiques or significant outcomes of each conference. In this it follows closely the format of our 1986 publication **Federal-Provincial First Ministers' Conferences, 1906 - 1985.**

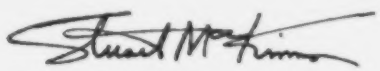
Included in this reference volume are the formal conferences of Premiers that are known to have taken place since 1867. Not included are meetings of Premiers convened on a regional basis, and informal private meetings.

The Annual Premiers' Conference (APC) began in 1960 and has continued uninterrupted since that time, with the current sequence of rotation for host governments beginning in 1967. That pattern has become well established, with the Premier of the host province not only chairing the sessions of the conference, but acting as a spokesperson for the provinces and territories on matters of mutual concern during the year following the conference. (The sequence of host provinces is listed in the Appendix.)

The dates given for each of the Annual Premiers' Conferences are those on which formal business sessions took place. They do not include private sessions or days on which other conference related activities have occurred, and do not, therefore, necessarily correspond to the dates in the official programme of the meeting. Two days has been the standard duration with two exceptions. In 1992, the Charlottetown meeting, originally planned as an APC, was pre-empted by a First Ministers' Meeting on the Constitution chaired by the Prime Minister of Canada. There was however a very brief meeting of Premiers chaired by the Premier of Prince Edward Island. In 1996, the first session was held aboard a special train traveling from Edmonton to Jasper on August 20th. Subsequent sessions were held in Jasper on the 21st and 22nd.

The information in this publication is based on documents in the archives of CICS. Since CICS only came into existence in 1973 and only began to serve Premiers' conferences after that time, the information is much more detailed for later conferences than for those prior to 1973. More detailed information on earlier conferences and analytical commentary on the conferences is beyond the scope of this volume. It is our hope that the information provided here may serve to prompt others to produce a definitive commentary on this most interesting institution of our Canadian federation.

CICS believes this information to be authoritative but accepts responsibility for any error or omission.



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PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

October 20 - 28, 1887

Legislative Council Chamber, Québec City, Quebec

Host: Quebec

The Premier of Ontario chaired this meeting.

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PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

December 18 - 20, 1902

Government House, Québec City, Quebec

Host: Quebec

In **1906** the first conference of the Representatives of the Government of Canada and the various provinces met. Following the Prime Minister's welcoming address the Conference proceeded as an interprovincial meeting, subsequently suspending its proceedings on four different occasions so that delegates could meet with the federal representatives in joint sessions. (See the publication First Ministers Conferences 1906 to 1985.)

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

December 9, 1910

Railway Committee Room, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario

The Premier of Ontario chaired this meeting.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

October 27 - 29, 1913

Railway Committee Room, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario

The Premier of Nova Scotia chaired this meeting.

The Prime Minister of Canada was introduced to the Conference and extended a welcome on behalf of the Government of Canada.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

June 7 - 9, 1926

Public School Administration Building, Ottawa, Ontario

The Premier of Ontario chaired this meeting.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

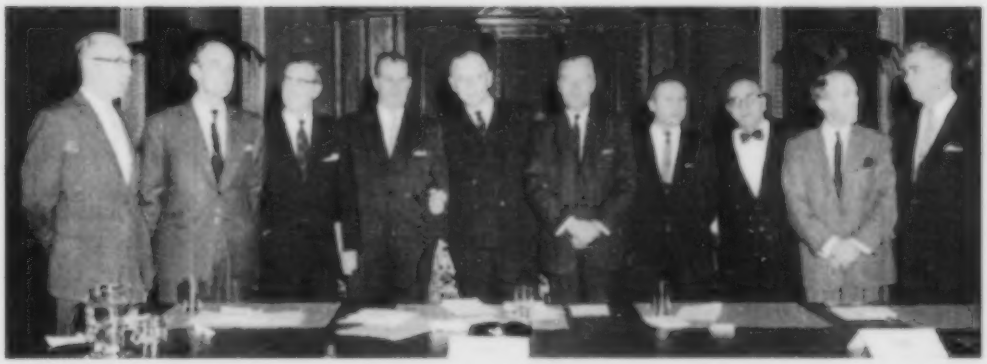
December 1 - 2, 1960

Legislative Council Chamber, Québec City, Quebec

Host: Quebec

The Premier of Ontario chaired this meeting.

Premiers decided to hold regular annual meetings. This conference marked the beginning of the Annual Premiers' Conference.



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2nd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 14 - 15, 1961

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Host: Prince Edward Island

The Premier of Ontario chaired this meeting.

3rd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 6 - 7, 1962

Victoria, British Columbia

Host: British Columbia

The Premier of Quebec chaired this meeting.

4th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 5 - 6, 1963

Province House, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Premier of Nova Scotia chaired this meeting. Since then, the Annual Premiers' Conference has been chaired by the Premier of the province in which the conference is held.

5th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 3 - 4, 1964

Confederation Room, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta

6th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 2 - 3, 1965

Manitoba Room, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba

7th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 1 - 2, 1966

Cabinet Council Chamber, Toronto, Ontario

8th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 1 - 2, 1967

Executive Council Chamber, Centennial Building, Fredericton, New Brunswick

This conference marks the beginning of the sequence of host governments that has been followed since that time.

CONFEDERATION OF TOMORROW CONFERENCE

November 27 - 30, 1967

Toronto Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario

The Premier of Ontario convened and chaired a meeting of Premiers "to exchange views on the problems facing Confederation". The Conference preceded the 1968 - 1971 federal-provincial constitutional process.

9th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 1 - 2, 1968

Waskesiu, Saskatchewan

10th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 4 - 5, 1969

Québec City, Quebec

11th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 3 – 5, 1970

MS Lord Selkirk and Manitoba Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Pollution Control
- Agriculture
- Regional Development

First Ministers Attending*

Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer
Ontario	Hon. John P. Robarts
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa
Nova Scotia	Hon. G. I. Smith
New Brunswick	Hon. Louis J. Robichaud
British Columbia	Hon. William A.C. Bennett
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Ross Thatcher
Alberta	Hon. Harry E. Strom
Newfoundland	Hon. Joseph R. Smallwood

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The first day of the Conference was held on board of the MS Lord Selkirk.
- The Government of Canada was invited to send observers. Mr. Henry F. Davis, Secretary of the Constitutional Conference attended as an observer.

12th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 5 - 6, 1971

Legislative Chamber, Victoria, British Columbia

Agenda

No public agenda issued.

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. William A.C. Bennett	9
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	7
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa	8
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan	3
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	3
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer	5
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	4
Alberta	Hon. H.E. Strom	2
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Observers		Attendees
Canada	Mr. Paul Jodouin, Privy Council Office	3
Constitutional Conference Secretariat	Mr. Henry F. Davis, Secretary	1
		4

Recording Secretary: Melvin H. Smith

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- There were no representatives from the province of Newfoundland in attendance.

13th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 3 - 4, 1972

Legislative Chamber, Province House, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Federal-Municipal Relations
- Collective Bargaining for Public Employees
- Non-Resident Land Ownership
- Income Redistribution
- Federal-Provincial Policies for Employment
- The Organization of Higher Education Institutions
- Health Care Costs
- Foreign Ownership
- Telecommunications

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan (Chair)	33
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	13
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa	7
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	8
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer	4
British Columbia	Mr. Laurie Wallace, Deputy to the Premier	1
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	5
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	6
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores	8
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Observers		Attendees
Canada	Mr. Paul Jodouin, Privy Council Office	4
Constitutional Conference Secretariat	Mr. Henry F. Davis, Secretary	1
Council of Maritime Premiers	Mr. Edgar Gallant, Secretary	1
		6

14th ANNUAL INTERPROVINCIAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 9 - 10, 1973

Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Health Care
- Energy
- Off-Shore Fishing
- Regional Development
- Cost of Living (Wage-Price Controls)

First Ministers Attending*

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer
British Columbia	Hon. David Barrett
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores

Observers

Canada	Mr. F.A.G. Carter, Deputy Secretary to Cabinet
Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat	Mr. André S. Millar
Council of Maritime Premiers	Mr. R.L. Simpson, Assistant Secretary

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

15th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

September 12 - 13, 1974

Glendon College, York University, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued.

First Ministers Attending*

Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis (Chair)
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer
British Columbia	Hon. David Barrett
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- There were no representatives from the province of Nova Scotia in attendance.

16th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 21 - 22, 1975

Cabinet Room, Legislative Building, St. John's, Newfoundland

Agenda

No public agenda issued.

First Ministers Attending*

Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer
British Columbia	Hon. David Barrett
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- This was the first time that the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS) provided services to the Annual Premiers' Conference. These services included: simultaneous interpretation, translation and one staff member.

17th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 18 - 20, 1976

Government House, Edmonton, Alberta
Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Economy
- Fiscal Arrangements and Shared-Cost Programs
- The Constitution

First Ministers Attending*

Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The first two days were spent in Edmonton in closed sessions. The Conference ended in Banff on August 20th with a private meeting of Premiers.

INTERPROVINCIAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

October 1 - 2, 1976

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed was:

- The Patriation of the Constitution

First Ministers Attending*

Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores

*A September 17, 1976 Alberta government news release quotes Premier Lougheed as saying that all 10 Premiers will be present. There was, however, no list of delegates to confirm attendance.

No Conference communique issued.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The September 17, 1976 Government of Alberta news release indicated that the conference was "a continuation of a meeting among the Premiers to discuss the total subject area of patriation of the Constitution, which commenced at the 17th Annual Premiers' Meeting in Alberta in August".
- The Conference was chaired by the Premier of Alberta. This is the first instance where the Chair of the Annual Premiers' Conference continued to act in that capacity during the course of the following year. The practice continues and has developed since that time.
- Arrangements for the Conference, were made by Alberta, with Ontario providing support services.

18th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 18 - 19, 1977

The Casino, Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick

Agenda

- The Economy
  - Unemployment and Job Creation Measures
  - Post-controls Period and Collective Bargaining in the Public Sector
  - National Transportation Policy
  - Provincial Control and Management of Natural Resources
  - Energy
  - Industrial Decentralization
  - Canada - U.S. Relations
- The Country
  - Western Premiers' Task Force on Constitutional Trends
  - Reciprocal Agreements on Minority Language Education Rights
  - Procedures for Constitutional Reform

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield (Chair)	7
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	10
Quebec	Hon. René Lévesque	8
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan	5
Manitoba	Hon. Edward Schreyer	5
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	5
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	6
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	6
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores	5
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Conference Secretary: Henry F. Davis

Conference communiques issued

- Economy
- Natural Resource Management and Provincial Economic Development
- Canada-U.S. Relations
- Statement on Language

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

February 23, 1978

Château Champlain, Montréal, Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Minority Language Education
- Purchasing
- Trucking

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield (Chair)	5
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	12
Quebec	Hon. René Lévesque	12
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan	5
Manitoba	Hon. Sterling R. Lyon	2
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	5
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell	1
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	6
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	7
Newfoundland	Hon. T. Alex Hickman, Deputy Premier	4
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Guest		Attendees
Council of Ministers of Education	J. Gordon Parr, Vice-Chairman	3

Conference Secretary: Henry F. Davis

Conference communique issued

- General Communique: "Conclusions of the Conference"
  - Language
  - Government Purchasing
  - Trucking
  - Premiers' Conferences

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- A press release by the Premier of New Brunswick, on February 2, 1978, referred to the conference as "a special session of the Premiers' Conference". It was chaired by the Premier of New Brunswick, the current Chair of the Premiers' Conference.

19th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 9 - 10, 1978

Governors' Boardroom, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan

Agenda

- Constitutional Matters
- Economy
  - General Review
  - Federal-Provincial Co-operation in Economic Policy-Making
- Interprovincial Relations
  - Provincial Purchasing Policies
  - Interprovincial Trucking
  - Lotteries

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney (Chair)	18
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	17
Quebec	Hon. René Lévesque	6
Nova Scotia	Hon. Gerald A. Regan	5
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	3
Manitoba	Hon. Sterling R. Lyon	6
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Alexander B. Campbell	4
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	6
Newfoundland	Hon. Frank D. Moores	8
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Conference Secretary: Penny Shafto

Conference communiques issued

- Duplication of Government Services
- Constitutional Reform: The Position of the Provinces
- Economy
- Interprovincial Trucking

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

20th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 15 - 18, 1979

Manoir Richelieu, Pointe-au-Pic (La Malbaie), Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economy
- Energy
- Constitutional Process
- Health Services
- Follow-up on Last Year's Conference
  - Deregulation
  - Lotteries
  - Duplication of Services
  - Report on Interprovincial Trucking

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Quebec	Hon. René Lévesque (Chair)	21
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	15
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	5
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	3
Manitoba	Hon. Sterling R. Lyon	5
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	8
Prince Edward Island	Hon. J. Angus MacLean	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	9
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	12
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	7
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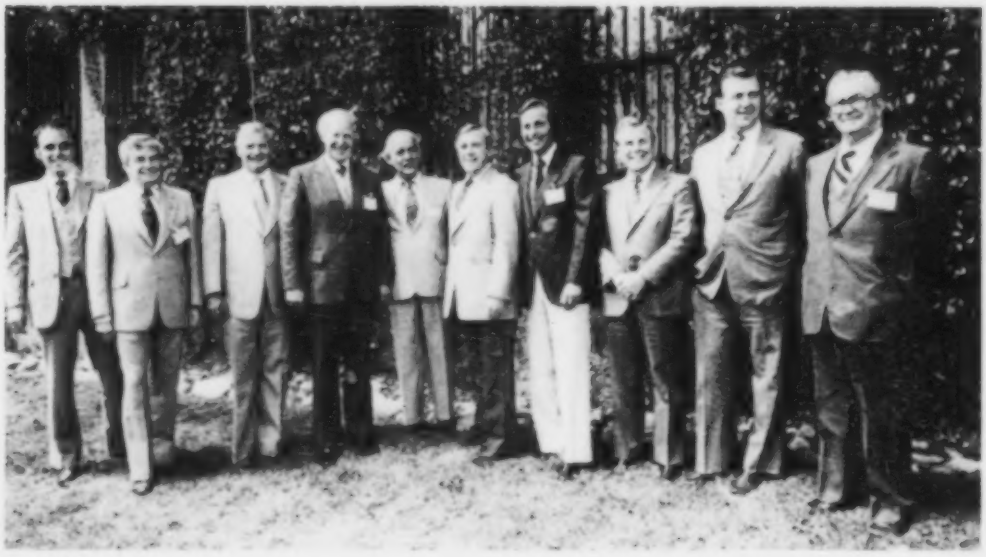
Conference Secretary: Michel Bergeron



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Conference communiques issued

- Death of the Right Hon. John G. Diefenbaker
- Economy
- Energy
- Constitutional Review Process
- Health Matters, Deregulation, Lotteries, Duplication of Services and Report on Interprovincial Trucking

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

21st ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 21 - 22, 1980

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Constitution
- The Economy
- Energy
- Interprovincial Trucking

First Ministers Attending*

Manitoba	Hon. Sterling R. Lyon (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis
Quebec	Hon. René Lévesque
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett
Prince Edward Island	Hon. J. Angus MacLean
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford

*No list of delegates available or confirmation of attendance is available.

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

April 16, 1981

Conference Centre, Ottawa, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed was:

- The Constitutional Accord / Canadian Patriation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Manitoba	Hon. Sterling R. Lyon (Chair)	12
Quebec	Monsieur René Lévesque	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	8
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. J. Angus MacLean	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	10
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	9
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	3
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Conference communique issued

- Constitutional Accord: Canadian Patriation Plan

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were open.
- Premiers from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan met in Ottawa to sign a patriation plan including an amending formula for the Constitution, designated as the "Constitutional Accord: Canadian Patriation Plan".
- There were no representatives from the provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick at this meeting.
- This was the first conference at which the Premier of Quebec was styled "Monsieur" rather than "Honourable". While the practice varied in the intervening years, from 1988 on "Monsieur" has been consistently used.
- A Verbatim Transcript was prepared.

22nd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 12 - 13, 1981

Legislative Chambers, Victoria, British Columbia

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economy
- Fiscal Arrangements
- Federal/Provincial Relations
- Transportation and Grain Handling
- Pensions
- Education

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett (Chair)	13
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	9
Quebec	Monsieur René Lévesque	8
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	7
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	5
Manitoba	Hon. Sterling R. Lyon	8
Prince Edward Island	Hon. J. Angus MacLean	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Allan E. Blakeney	15
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	12
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	7
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Conference communiques issued

- Review of the Economy
  - Introduction
  - The Economic Situation
  - A Program for Canadian Economic Recovery
  - Restoring Federal-Provincial Consultation
- Federal/Provincial Fiscal Arrangements
  - Equalization
  - Established Programs Financing Arrangements
- Transportation and Grain Handling
- Pensions
- Education

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Subsequent to the 22nd Annual Premiers' Conference, the ten Premiers met in Montréal on **October 19, 1981** and issued a communique calling on the Prime Minister to deal with the economy as a first priority and to convene a First Ministers' Conference for that purpose. The Premiers of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland issued a separate communique on the same day proposing that the Prime Minister convene a First Ministers' Conference to discuss constitutional matters.

23rd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 25 - 26, 1982

Province House, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economic Overview
- Federal-Provincial Relations

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan (Chair)	11
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	11
Quebec	Monsieur René Lévesque	8
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	4
Manitoba	Hon. Howard Pawley	8
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	3
Prince Edward Island	Hon. James M. Lee	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	10
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	7
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	8
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Invited Guests		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Chris Pearson, Government Leader	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. George Braden, Leader of Elected Executive	4
		7

Conference communiques issued

- Economic Recovery Program (in which the Premiers proposed that a Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers be held during the month of September)
  - Monetary Policy
  - Investment Policy
  - Fiscal Policy
  - Federal-Provincial Financing
  - International Trade
  - Joint Project Development
- Federal-Provincial Relations
  - Economic Development
  - Established Programs Financing
  - Federal Young Offenders Act
  - Manpower Training

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- This was the first time that the Government Leaders of Yukon and the Northwest Territories were present as invited guests.

24th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 10 - 11, 1983

Hilton Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed was:

- The Economy

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis (Chair)	13
Quebec	Monsieur René Lévesque	11
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	8
Manitoba	Hon. Howard Pawley	7
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	4
Prince Edward Island	Hon. James M. Lee	7
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	9
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	9
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	8
		85

Observers		Attendees
Northwest Territories	Hon. George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Works	3
Yukon	Hon. Chris Pearson, Government Leader	5
		8

Conference communiques issued

- Economy
  - Sustaining the Economic Recovery
- Meetings with the Prime Minister on the Economy
  - Calling for the Prime Minister to visit each Premier to discuss provincial economic priorities and programs

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The usual sequence of host governments was changed for this Conference. As Prince Edward Island had hosted the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers' Conference two months earlier, its turn in the usual sequence of host governments was exchanged with Ontario. Prince Edward Island acted as host of the Annual Premiers' Conference the following year.

25th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 20 - 21, 1984

Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Economy
- Federal-Provincial Relations
- Interprovincial Co-operation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Prince Edward Island	Hon. James M. Lee (Chair)	16
Ontario	Hon. William G. Davis	8
Quebec	Monsieur René Lévesque	8
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	6
Manitoba	Hon. Howard Pawley	7
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	8
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	9
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	7
		83

Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Chris Pearson, Government Leader	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Government Leader	4
		8

Conference communique issued

- The Economy

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Discussions took place at this meeting stressing the need for federal-provincial meetings on an annual basis.

26th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 21 - 22, 1985

Hotel Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economy
  - Regional Economic Development
  - Job Creation and Training
  - Tax Reform
  - International Trade Issues
- Federal-Provincial Relations
  - Federal-Provincial Fiscal and Constitutional Issues
- Interprovincial Cooperation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford (Chair)	19
Ontario	Hon. David Peterson	12
Quebec	Monsieur René Lévesque	16
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	4
Manitoba	Hon. Howard Pawley	10
British Columbia	Hon. William R. Bennett	6
Prince Edward Island	Hon. James M. Lee	7
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	11
Alberta	Hon. Peter Lougheed	9
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Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett, Government Leader	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Government Leader	5
		8

Conference communiques issued

- General communique
  - Preparation for the upcoming First Ministers' Meeting to be held in November in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Regional Economic Development
  - The Nine Principles Agreed at February First Ministers' Conference in Regina
  - Charlottetown 1984
- Job Development and Training
- Tax Reform
- Monetary Policy
- Agriculture and Fisheries
  - Principles
- Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

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27th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 11 - 12, 1986

Government House, Edmonton, Alberta

Agenda

1. Economy
2. Trade
3. Federal-Provincial Relations including the Constitution

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty (Chair)	18
Ontario	Hon. David Peterson	14
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa	17
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	8
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield	5
Manitoba	Hon. Howard Pawley	13
British Columbia	Hon. William N. Vander Zalm	6
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	16
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	10
		111

Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett, Government Leader	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Government Leader	4
		7

Conference communiques issued

- General Communique
  - The Economy
  - Agriculture and Renewable Resources
  - Softwood Lumber
  - Energy
  - The Atlantic Fishery
  - Regional Development
- Trade
- Federal-Provincial Relations / Tax Reform

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The Premiers also issued "The Edmonton Declaration" at this meeting.
  "The Premiers unanimously agreed that their top constitutional priority is to embark immediately upon a federal-provincial process, using Quebec's five proposals as a basis for discussion, to bring about Quebec's full and active participation in the Canadian federation.

  There was a consensus among the Premiers that then they will pursue further constitutional discussions on matters raised by some provinces which will include, among other items, Senate reform, fisheries, property rights, etc."

  An informal private dinner meeting of Premiers, chaired by Alberta, was held in Toronto on **February 9, 1987**. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing a Canada/France fishing agreement.

28th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 27 - 28, 1987

Saint John Trade and Convention Centre and Hilton International Hotel,
Saint John, New Brunswick

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economic Issues
- Trade
- Interprovincial and Federal-Provincial Issues

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
New Brunswick	Hon. Richard B. Hatfield (Chair)	11
Ontario	Hon. David Peterson	15
Quebec	Hon. Robert Bourassa	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	8
Manitoba	Hon. Howard Pawley	8
British Columbia	Hon. William N. Vander Zalm	3
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	9
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty	8
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	11
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Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett, Government Leader	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Government Leader	5
		8

Conference communiques issued

- Trade
- Economy
  - Agriculture
  - Regional Development
  - High Technology
  - Energy
- Interprovincial and Federal-Provincial Issues

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- For the final session of the Conference on the morning of August 28th, the Premiers met with several business leaders to discuss the future of the Canadian confederation. Although held privately, it was labeled as the "Third Conference Session". The two territorial Leaders were invited to attend this private session.

29th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 18 - 19, 1988

Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Agenda

- Economic Issues
- Social Issues
- Federal-Provincial Relations and Constitutional Issues

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine (Chair)	22
Ontario	Hon. David Peterson	16
Quebec	Monsieur Robert Bourassa	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	6
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	8
British Columbia	Hon. William N. Vander Zalm	4
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	4
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty	10
Newfoundland	Hon. A. Brian Peckford	8
		101

Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett, Government Leader	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Dennis Patterson, Government Leader	4
		7

Conference communiques issued

- Interest Rates and Competitiveness
- Drought Assistance - National Impact
- Adjustment Measures
- Provincial Participation in International Trade Negotiations
- Science and Technology / Education Partnerships
- Transportation
- Health Care
    - Three National Symposia
        - Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
        - Emerging and New Health Care Technologies
        - Assuring Effectiveness of Health Care Service
- The Family
- Municipal Infrastructure Funding
- Education and Training Strategy
- Environment and Economy

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- On behalf of the Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Health, the Saskatchewan government issued 'A Progress Report on Follow-up Actions to the Report "Future Directions in Health Care Services"'.
- The practice of styling the Quebec Premier as "Monsieur" rather than "Honourable" continues from this date.

30th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 21 - 22, 1989

National Assembly, Red Chamber, Québec City, Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Environmental Issues
- Regional Development
- Telecommunications
- Economy and Trade
- Goods and Services

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Quebec	Monsieur Robert Bourassa (Chair)	39
Ontario	Hon. David Peterson	13
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	11
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	11
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	10
British Columbia	Hon. William N. Vander Zalm	6
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	8
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty	13
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	6
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Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett, Government Leader	5
Northwest Territories	Hon. Dennis Patterson, Government Leader	4
		9

Guests		Attendees
Representatives of the National Governors' Association	Hon. Tommy G. Thompson, Governor of Wisconsin Hon. Stan Stephens, Governor of Montana	9*

* There were 9 attendees from the National Governors' Association delegation which was led by the governors of Wisconsin and Montana.

Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Goods and Services Tax
- Environmental Issues
  - Air Quality
  - Intergovernmental Cooperation
  - Agreement on Environmental Emergencies
  - Sustainable Development
  - Environmental Youth Programs
- General News Release
  - Appreciation to all athletes competing at the Canada Games in Saskatoon
- Telecommunications
- Economy and Trade
  - Interest Rates
  - Interprovincial Trade Barriers
  - Fisheries
  - Transportation
  - Agriculture
- Regional Development
- Follow-up to the Saskatoon 1988 Conference
  - Health
  - Families
  - Science and Technology
  - Senate Reform

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.

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31st ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 13 - 14, 1990

Westin Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Agenda

1. Economic and Fiscal Issues and Priorities
2. The Environment and Sustainable Development
3. Social Policy Issues and Priorities

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon (Chair)	16
Ontario	Hon. David Peterson	10
Nova Scotia	Hon. John M. Buchanan	6
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	4
British Columbia	Hon. William N. Vander Zalm	9
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	9
Alberta	Hon. James D. Horsman, Deputy Premier	8
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	6
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communique issued

- Final Communique - topics include:
  - Interest and Exchange Rates
  - Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST)
  - Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations and Offloading
  - Regional Economic Priorities
  - Trade Negotiations
  - Interprovincial Trade Barrier Reduction Agreement
  - Research and Development
  - Unemployment Insurance
  - National Energy Security
  - Environment and Sustainable Development
  - Native Affairs
  - Health
  - Families

NOTES

- This was the first Premiers' Conference at which a session was televised.
- There was no representative from the province of Quebec in attendance. Following the failure of the Meech Lake Accord, the government of Quebec decided not to send representatives to senior level intergovernmental meetings.

32nd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 26 - 27, 1991

Chateau Whistler Resort, Whistler, British Columbia

Agenda

1. Economy, Environment and Trade
2. Aboriginal Issues
3. Social Issues
4. Federal-Provincial and Interprovincial Cooperation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. Rita Johnston (Chair)	16
Ontario	Hon. Bob Rae	19
Nova Scotia	Hon. Don W. Cameron	7
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	6
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	8
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Grant Devine	7
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty	15
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	7
		90

Observers		Attendees
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett, Government Leader	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Dennis Patterson, Government Leader	3
		7

Guests		Attendees
Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, Grand Chief	5
Native Council of Canada	Viola Robinson, President	5
Métis National Council	Yvon Dumont, Spokesman	2
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Rosemarie Kuptana, President	5
United Native Nations	Ron George, President	1
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	Roger Gruben, Chief Regional Counsellor	1
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Final Communique - topics include:
  - Economy, Environment and Trade
    - Farm Finance
    - Transportation
    - Environmental Cooperation
    - Fisheries
    - Trade
  - Social Issues
    - Health Care
    - Canada Assistance Plan and Equalization Cutbacks
    - Education
    - Immigration
  - Federal-Provincial and Interprovincial Cooperation
    - Constitutional Renewal and National Unity
- Premiers Endorse Native Council Proposal
  - New Aboriginal-Provincial Process
  - Native Council of Canada (NCC) Proposed Points for Accord

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed except for the opening session and the second session on aboriginal issues, which were televised.
- Verbatim Transcripts were prepared for the open sessions.
- There was no representative from the province of Quebec in attendance. Following the failure of the Meech Lake Accord, the government of Quebec decided not to send representatives to senior level intergovernmental meetings.
- In view of the unique circumstances facing the country with respect to national unity and constitutional renewal, the Premier of British Columbia announced that she had invited leaders of the major national aboriginal organizations to meet with the Premiers to outline their perspectives on the issue and to describe the process they are establishing to develop a position.
- The Aboriginal leaders participated only in the session on Aboriginal Issues
- This was the first Annual Premiers' Conference (APC) to have the territorial leaders present for the Premiers' private sessions.

PREMIERS' MEETING ON THE CONSTITUTION

July 3, 1992

Toronto Airport Hilton Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued.

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. Michael Harcourt (Chair)	9
Ontario	Hon. Bob Rae	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. Don W. Cameron	5
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	5
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	6
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	8
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty	13
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	5
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nellie Cournoyea	4
Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, National Chief	18
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Rosemarie Kuptana, President	6
Métis National Council	Tony Belcourt	2
Native Council of Canada	Robert Groves, Director, Constitutional Affairs	3
Aboriginal Organizations	Neil Sterritt	1
		104

Secretary: Brian McCauley, Director of Operations, Constitutional Conferences Secretariat

There were 7 observers from the Government of Canada, headed by the Right Hon. Joe Clark, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs.

No Conference communique issued.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- There were no representatives from the province of Quebec in attendance.

PREMIERS' MEETING ON THE CONSTITUTION

July 7, 1992

Lester B. Pearson Building, Ottawa, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued.

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. Michael Harcourt (Co-Chair)	13
Ontario	Hon. Bob Rae	16
Nova Scotia	Hon. Don W. Cameron	11
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	6
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	10
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	12
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty	16
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	8
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	4
Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, National Chief	75
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Rosemarie Kuptana, President	15
Métis National Council	Yvon Dumont, President	11
Native Council of Canada	Ron George, President	15
Aboriginal Organizations	Neil Sterritt	1
Canada	Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs (Co-Chair)	9
		230

Conference Secretary: Robert Weese, Constitutional Conferences Secretariat

No Conference communique issued.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- There were no representatives from the province of Quebec in attendance.

33rd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 28, 1992

Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

No public agenda issued.

First Ministers Attending*

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. Bob Rae
Quebec	Monsieur Robert Bourassa
Nova Scotia	Hon. Don W. Cameron
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon
British Columbia	Hon. Michael Harcourt
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow
Alberta	Hon. Donald R. Getty
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nellie Cournoyea
Yukon	Hon. Tony Penikett

Guests

Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, Grand Chief
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Rosemarie Kuptana, President

Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

No Conference communique issued.

NOTES

- The Conference session was closed.
- The meeting had originally been planned as an Annual Premiers' Conference on August 27th and 28th. Shortly before those dates, it was agreed by all the parties that the time should be given over to a Federal-Provincial First Ministers' Meeting on the Constitution. That meeting resulted in the Charlottetown Accord on the Constitution.
- At the close of the First Ministers' Meeting on the Constitution, Premier Ghiz of Prince Edward Island convened a brief meeting of the 33rd Annual Premiers' Conference. All Provincial Premiers and the Government Leaders of the two Territories were present. The Leaders of two Aboriginal Groups (the Assembly of First Nations and the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada) attended as guests. There was discussion of possible agenda items for a Premiers' meeting proposed for later in the fall. (That proposed meeting was not convened.) The meeting was then adjourned in order for the participants to attend the press conference on the Constitutional Agreement.
- The usual sequence of host governments was changed for this Conference. In June of 1991, Nova Scotia, whose turn it was in 1992, agreed to switch with Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia acted as host the following year.
- For the first time since the 1989 Annual Premiers' Conference in Québec City, the province of Quebec was represented at a Premiers' Conference.

34th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 26 - 27, 1993

Inverary Inn Resort, Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

Agenda

Thursday, August 26, 1993

First Session: A Competitive Canada in a World Economy
Human Resource Development

Second Session: Renewing Canada's Social Programs

Third Session: Intergovernmental Cooperation

Friday, August 27, 1993

First Session: A New Partnership: Meeting with the Aboriginal Leadership

- Opening Prayer
- Overview of Inuvik meeting
- Review of Draft Workplan on:
  - Fiscal issues
  - Jurisdictional issues
- Implementation of Aboriginal Self-Government
- On-going Process
- Closing Prayer

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Savage (Chair)	12
Ontario	Hon. Bob Rae	14
Quebec	Monsieur Robert Bourassa	16
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	9
British Columbia	Hon. Michael Harcourt	8
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Catherine Callbeck	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	8
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	8
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	5
Yukon	Hon. John Ostashek	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nellie Cournoyea	7
Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, National Chief	2
Native Council of Canada	Ron George, President	13
Métis National Council	Gerald Morin, President	4
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Rosemarie Kuptana, President	8
Native Women's Association of Canada	Gail Stacey-Moore, Speaker	3
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communique issued

- Final Communique - topics include:
  - Meeting with National Aboriginal Leadership
  - A Competitive Canada in a Global Economy
    - First Ministers' Conference
    - Conference on Economic Development
  - Fiscal and Monetary Policy and Deficit Reduction
  - Trade
    - International Trade
    - Adjustment Programs
    - Internal Trade
    - Trade Promotion
  - Infrastructure
  - Regional Development
  - Agriculture
    - Farm Income Safety Net
    - Grain
  - Fisheries
  - Human Resource Development Training and Education
  - Renewing Canada's Social Programs
  - Enforcement of Family Support Orders
  - Health
  - Intergovernmental Cooperation Overlap and Duplication

NOTES

- The First and Second Conference sessions on Thursday, August 26 were closed while the Third Conference session on Thursday and First Conference session on Friday, August 27 were televised.
- Verbatim Transcripts were prepared for the open sessions.
- Aboriginal delegations attended only the sessions of the meeting at which Aboriginal issues were discussed.
- This was the first time the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) was invited to the table. The decision by Nova Scotia to invite the NWAC was made on the basis of a decision by the Federal Court (Appeal Division) in August 1992 that that organization should have been a participant in the multilateral constitutional process of 1992. Also, the practice in Nova Scotia was to include the NWAC in any consultations with provincial aboriginal groups.
- The Conference of Atlantic Premiers met on the day prior to the Annual Premiers' Conference.
- Due to the location and size of the meeting room, only a limited number of delegates could be accommodated with only the Premiers and Heads of Delegations at the table.

35th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 31 - September 1, 1994

King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economic Issues
- Interprovincial Cooperation and Initiatives
- Social Policy Issues
- Aboriginal Issues

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
Ontario	Hon. Bob Rae (Chair)	24
Quebec	Monsieur Daniel Johnson	15
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Savage	8
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	7
British Columbia	Hon. Michael Harcourt	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Catherine Callbeck	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	9
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	14
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells	5
Yukon	Hon. John Ostashek	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nellie Cournoyea	7
Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, National Chief	11
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples	Jim Sinclair, President	8
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Rosemarie Kuptana, President	10
Métis National Council	Gerald Morin, President	17
Native Women's Association of Canada	Janis Walker, President	6
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communique issued

- Final Communique - topics include:
  - Economic Issues:
    - Job Creation
    - Fiscal Issues, Federal Cutbacks and Deficit Reduction
    - Infrastructure, Transportation, and the Electronic Highway
    - Internal Trade
    - Agriculture
    - Regional Economic Development
    - International Trade (including environmental issues) - A Cooperative Approach to Pacific Rim Trade; The Importance of Skills Training to International Trade; The Impact of Canada's Forestry and Environmental Practices on Trade Relations; International Trade Agreements; Foreign Overfishing

Conference communique issued (continued)

- Interprovincial Cooperation
- Social Policy Issues:
  - Training, Social Policy Reform and Related Fiscal Arrangements
  - Health Care Reform
  - Justice Issues
- Some Specific Interprovincial Initiatives:
  - Increasing Canada's R&D Spending
  - Protecting the Integrity of Social Assistance
  - Securities Regulation
  - Tax Cooperation
  - Access to Post-Secondary Education
  - Accountability in Education
  - Skills Training and Worker Adjustment
  - Environmental Protection and Stewardship of Natural Resources
  - Fiscal Management
- Aboriginal Issues:
  - Progress of Self-Government

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The participation of the 5 National Aboriginal Groups was limited to a plenary session on Aboriginal Issues.
- The Premiers gave a mandate to the Task Force on the Recognition of Self-Government Agreements, which is made up of the Premiers of Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Leader of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

36th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 23 - 25, 1995

Hotel Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland

Agenda

- Matters Continuing from 1994 Annual Premiers' Conference such as:
  - Progress Report on Internal Trade Agreement and Regional and Community Economic Development
- Transportation Policy Issues
- Environmental Harmonization Issues
- Social Policy Reform

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Newfoundland	Hon. Clyde K. Wells (Chair)	25
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	12
Quebec	Monsieur Jacques Parizeau	11
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Savage	10
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	6
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	7
British Columbia	Hon. Michael Harcourt	9
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Catherine Callbeck	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	8
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	10
Yukon	Hon. John Ostashek	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Nellie Cournoyea	5
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Internal Trade Secretariat	André Dimitrijevic	

Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

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Conference communiques issued

- Internal Trade
- Final Communique - topics include:
  - Social Policy Reform and Renewal
  - Ministerial Council of Social Policy Reform and Renewal
  - Support Orders
  - Task Force on Aboriginal Treaty Rights
  - Infrastructure
  - Regional Development
  - Community Economic Development
  - Research and Development
  - Provincial Involvement in International Trade Agreements
  - Interprovincial Cooperation
  - Transportation Policy
  - Environmental Harmonization Process
  - Gun Control

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The National Aboriginal Organizations (NAO) were not invited, and did not participate, discontinuing a practice that had begun in Whistler in 1991.
- The Premiers agreed to extend the mandate of the Task Force on the Recognition of Self-Government Agreements given at the 1994 Premiers' Conference in Toronto.

37th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 21 - 23, 1996

Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta *

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Economic Growth
- Social Policy Reform and Renewal
- Rebalancing Federal and Provincial Roles and Responsibilities

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein (Chair)	10
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	12
Quebec	Monsieur Lucien Bouchard	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Savage	7
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	6
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Catherine Callbeck	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	7
Newfoundland and Labrador **	Hon. Brian Tobin	7
Yukon	Hon. John Ostashek	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Don Morin	3
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

* The first session of the Conference, a private discussion by the Premiers, was held on board a special train travelling from Edmonton to Jasper on August 21st.

** This is the first time that the province of Newfoundland used the designation of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Newfoundland House of Assembly passed a resolution to change the name on April 29, 1999. This was officially adopted in the provincial constitution in 2001.

Conference communiques issued

- General communique - topics include:
  - Follow-up to the June First Ministers' Meeting
  - Economic and Fiscal Situation
- Jobs and Economic Growth
  - New National Infrastructure Program
  - Proposed Guidelines for a New National Infrastructure Program
- Jobs and Economic Growth
  - International Trade
  - Internal Trade
  - Research and Development
  - Energy Flows and Markets
  - Youth Employment
  - Canada Student Loans

Conference communiques issued (continued)

- Social Policy Reform and Renewal
  - Issues Paper on Social Policy Reform and Renewal: Next Steps, prepared by the 1996 APC Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Social Policy Reform and Renewal
- GST Harmonization
- Other Intergovernmental Matters
  - Fisheries
    - Canadian Ratification of the United Nations Agreement on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
  - Pacific Salmon
  - Universal Declaration of Human Rights
  - Expo 2005
  - World Volunteer Conference
- Rebalancing Roles and Responsibilities
  - Rebalancing Roles and Responsibilities in Non-Social Policy Areas

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

MEETING OF PREMIERS AND NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LEADERS

October 28, 1996

McDougall Centre, Calgary, Alberta

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Social Policy Reform
- Aboriginal Governance

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein (Chair)	6
Ontario	Andromache Karakatsanis, Secretary, Native Affairs	3
Quebec	André Magny, sous-ministre associé, Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones	1
Nova Scotia	Allan Clark, Director, Aboriginal Affairs	1
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	8
British Columbia	Joy Illington, Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Affairs	2
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	5
Newfoundland and Labrador	David J. Hughes, Senior Analyst, Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	1
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Don Morin	6
Assembly of First Nations	Ovide Mercredi, National Chief	26
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples	Jim Sinclair, President	21
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Mary Sillett, President	3
Métis National Council	Gerald Morin, President	11
Native Women's Association of Canada	Janis Walker, National Speaker	8
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Conference Coordinator: Lise Robitaille

No Conference communique issued.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- As Chair of the Annual Premiers' Conference, Premier Klein scheduled this meeting with the five national aboriginal organizations. Premiers agreed at the Annual Premiers' Conference in August that the purpose of this meeting was for the Chair to share information on the Premiers' discussions that took place in Jasper.
- No press conference was scheduled, but a media availability session (scrum) took place immediately following the meeting.
- There were no representatives from the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in attendance.

38th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 6 - 8, 1997

Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Jobs and Growth
- Social Policy Renewal
- Rebalancing the Federation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna (Chair)	22
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	12
Quebec	Monsieur Lucien Bouchard	18
Nova Scotia	Hon. Russell MacLellan	11
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	7
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	8
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	11
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Brian Tobin	10
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Don Morin	7
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Jobs and Growth
  - Economic and Fiscal Outlook
  - GST Harmonization
  - Employment Insurance
  - Youth Employment Strategy
  - Student Loans and Debt
  - Research and Development
  - International Trade, Treaties and Agreements

Conference communiques issued (continued)

- Social Policy Renewal
  - Progress Report from the Ministerial Council on Social Policy Renewal
    - Progress Report to Premiers, No. 2, July 1997
  - New Approaches to Canada's Social Union
    - New Approaches to Canada's Social Union, An Options Paper, prepared by the Provincial/Territorial Council of Social Policy Renewal, April 29, 1997
  - Approaches to Federal Offloading
  - National Child Benefit
  - Financial Arrangements
  - National Children's Agenda
  - National Mobility Initiative
- National Shipbuilding Policy
- Agreement on Internal Trade
- Infrastructure and Transportation
- Rebalancing Roles and Responsibilities
  - Harmonizing Environmental Management
  - Developing Guidelines for Fiscal Compensation
  - Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements
  - Justice Reform Issues on Criminal Procedure Reform and on the Young Offenders Act
  - Recovery of Health Costs for Tobacco Related Illnesses

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

PREMIERS' MEETING

September 14, 1997

McDougall Centre, Calgary, Alberta

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed was:

- Strengthening the Canadian Federation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
New Brunswick	Hon. Frank McKenna (Chair)	5
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	6
Nova Scotia	Hon. Russell MacLellan	3
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	6
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	5
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Brian Tobin	5
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Don Morin	6
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Conference Coordinator: Pierre-Luc Perrier

Conference communique issued

- Premiers Agree to Consult Canadians on Unity
  - Framework for Discussion on Canadian Unity (Calgary Declaration)
  - Guidelines for the Process of Public Consultation

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The practice of the Chair for the Annual meeting taking the lead throughout the year continued as Premier Frank McKenna chaired the Calgary meeting with Alberta hosting.
- There were no representatives from the province of Quebec in attendance.

MEETING OF PREMIERS/TERRITORIAL LEADERS AND LEADERS OF NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ORGANIZATIONS

November 18, 1997

Crowne Plaza Winnipeg Downtown, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Agenda

No public agenda available. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Follow-up to the Annual Premiers' Conference
- National Aboriginal Organizations' Views of National Unity
- On-going Process of Consultations
- A Framework for Discussion on Relationships

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow (Chair)	8
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	6
Quebec	Monsieur Robert Sauvé, sous-ministre adjoint, Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones	2
Nova Scotia	Hon. Russell MacLellan	4
New Brunswick	Hon. Raymond Frenette	5
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	9
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	5
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	2
Alberta	Hon. Dave Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	7*
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Ernest McLean, Minister of Government Services and Lands	5
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Don Morin	8
Assembly of First Nations	Phil Fontaine, National Chief	105
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples	Harry W. Daniels, President	8
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Okalik Eegeesiak, President	9
Métis National Council	Gerald Morin, President	12
Native Women's Association of Canada	Marilyn Buffalo, President	19
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Conference Coordinator: Pierre-Luc Perrier

*Includes 2 observers from the Métis Settlements General Council.

Conference communique issued

- A general communique was issued.
  - A Framework for Discussion on Relationships

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

39th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 5 - 7, 1998

Renaissance Conference Centre, Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Social Union Framework Agreement Negotiations
- Fiscal Arrangements Reform
- Social Policy Renewal
- Employment Insurance Reform
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Status Reports
  - Internal Trade
  - Research and Development
  - Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow (Chair)	10
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	13
Quebec	Monsieur Lucien Bouchard	20
Nova Scotia	Hon. Russell MacLellan	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Camille Thériault	11
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	8
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	4
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	10
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Brian Tobin	8
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Don Morin	7
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

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Conference communiques issued

- Framework Agreement on Canada's Social Union
- Hepatitis C
- Health Care Funding
- Employment Insurance
- Education
- Halifax Post-Panamax Container Terminal
- International Trade
- Climate Change
- Provincial-Territorial Council on Social Policy Renewal: Progress Report, No. 3
    - National Child Benefit
    - National Children's Agenda - Developing a Shared Vision
    - Benefits and Services for Persons with Disabilities
    - Aboriginal Issues
    - Progress Report to Premiers No. 3, August 1998
- Report on Provincial-Territorial Finance Ministers
    - Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Finance Report to Premiers
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements
- Research and Development
    - Science and Technology Issues Report on Progress since the Premiers' Conference of 1997
- Provincial Participation in International Agreements
- Creation of two New Territories
- Devolution
- 40th Annual Premiers' Conference

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

MEETING OF PREMIERS/TERRITORIAL LEADERS AND LEADERS OF NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ORGANIZATIONS

March 22, 1999

Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza, Regina, Saskatchewan

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Social Union Framework Agreement
- National Aboriginal Youth Strategy

First Ministers and Heads of Delegations Attending		Delegates
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow (Chair)	24
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	8
Quebec	Monsieur Guy Chevrette, ministre délégué aux Affaires autochtones	6
Nova Scotia	Hon. Russell MacLellan	5
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Thériault	3
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	12
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. J. Weston MacAleer, Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs	2
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	8*
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Walter Noel, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	4
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Jim Antoine	4
Assembly of First Nations	Phil Fontaine, National Chief	34
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples	Harry W. Daniels, President	19
Inuit Tapirisat of Canada	Okalik Eegeesiak, President	3
Métis National Council	Gerald Morin, President	10
Native Women's Association of Canada	Marilyn Buffalo, President	2
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Conference Coordinator: Pierre-Luc Perrier

*Includes 2 observers from the Métis Settlements General Council

Conference communique issued

- A general press release was issued. Subjects discussed included the Social Union Framework Agreement and the National Aboriginal Youth Strategy.

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

40th ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 9 - 11, 1999

Le Château Frontenac, Québec City, Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Strengthening the climate for competitiveness
- Fiscal balance and reform
- Economic Priorities:
  - Infrastructure
  - Trade
  - Agriculture
  - Employment Insurance
- Sustainable Social Programs

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Quebec	Monsieur Lucien Bouchard (Chair)	15
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	15
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	11
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	9
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Filmon	9
British Columbia	Hon. Glen Clark	10
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	5
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	11
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Brian Tobin	10
Yukon	Hon. Piers McDonald	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Jim Antoine	5
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

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Conference communiques issued

- A Balance Approach for Better Competitiveness
  - Table on Growing Fiscal Imbalance
- Priority Health Sector Issues
- Employment Insurance
- Canadian Shipbuilding Policy
- Internal Trade Status Report
- Early Years and Children's Issues
- Child Prostitution
- Infrastructure to Enhance Competitiveness
- Agriculture
- International Agreements
- Enhancing Northern Competitiveness
- Building the Information Highway Together
- Progress Report of Social Policy Renewal - This communique includes a copy of the Progress Report to Premiers No. 4, August 1999 by the Provincial-Territorial Council on Social Policy Renewal

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- This was the first Premiers' meeting attended by the new territory of Nunavut.
- On April 29, 1999 the Newfoundland House of Assembly passed a resolution to change the name to Newfoundland and Labrador.

MEETING OF PREMIERS AND TERRITORIAL LEADERS

February 2 - 3, 2000

Le Château Frontenac, Québec City, Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Funding of Health Care and Social Programs

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Quebec	Monsieur Lucien Bouchard (Chair)	11
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	10
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	4
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	5
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	4
British Columbia	Hon. Dan Miller	9
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	8
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Brian Tobin	6
Yukon	Hon. David Sloan, Acting Government Leader	2
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	6
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	6
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

No Conference communique issued

- There was, however, a letter to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien from the Premiers and Territorial Leaders signed by all the Premiers and Territorial Leaders on the subject of health and social programs.

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

41st ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 9 - 11, 2000

Lombard Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Health Care
- Early Childhood Development
- Fiscal Imbalance
- Social Policy Renewal
- Infrastructure and Transportation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer (Chair)	10
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	18
Quebec	Monsieur Lucien Bouchard	23
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	8
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	8
British Columbia	Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh	12
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Roy Romanow	9
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	10
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Brian Tobin	7
Yukon	Hon. Pat Duncan	5
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	8
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Understanding Canada's Health Care Costs
  - Understanding Canada's Health Care Costs, Final Report, August 2000, by the Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health
- Early Childhood Development
  - Priorities for Early Childhood Development
  - Working Together to Meet Children's Needs
  - Funding to Support Early Childhood Development
  - Public Reporting

Conference communiques issued (continued)

- Fiscal Imbalance in Canada
  - Post-Secondary Education and Skills Development
  - A Federation out of Balance by G.C. Ruggeri, University of New Brunswick
- Fifth Progress Report on Social Policy Renewal Released to Canadians
  - A Focus on Children
  - Progress Report to Premiers No. 5, August 10, 2000 by the Provincial-Territorial Council on Social Policy Renewal
- Infrastructure and Transportation Requirements to Strengthen Canada's Competitiveness
  - Airline Restructuring
  - Agriculture and Agriculture Trade
  - Environmental Issues
  - Northern Economic Development and Devolution
- Premiers' Commitment to Citizen's Health
  - Final Report tabled by the Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health
  - Vision
  - Priorities for Action on Renewal and Innovation
  - Sustaining Health Care Services - Ongoing Health Renewal and Innovation
  - Clear Accountability - Reporting to Citizens
  - Working Together
  - Understanding Canada's Health Care Costs, Final Report, August 2000, by the Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health

NOTE

- The Conference sessions were closed.

42nd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

August 1 - 3, 2001

Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, British Columbia

Agenda

Interprovincial/Territorial Co-Operation

1. Energy
2. Health
3. Post-Secondary Education / Skills

Federal-Provincial/Territorial Relations

4. Fiscal Imbalance and Health Care Funding
5. Infrastructure
6. Social Union Framework Agreement / Social Policy Renewal
7. Children
8. Agriculture

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell (Chair)	22
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	20
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry	21
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	12
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	10
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	8
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	11
Yukon	Hon. Pat Duncan	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	5
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Sustainable Health Care for Canadians
  - Addressing Fiscal Imbalance, Report of Provincial-Territorial Finance Ministers, August 2001
  - Tables on Health Care
- Energy
- Progress Report to the Premiers, No. 6, by the Provincial-Territorial Council of Social Policy Renewal, August 2001

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The provincial designation of Newfoundland and Labrador was officially adopted in the provincial constitution in 2001. The government approved a constitutional amendment officially changing the name of the province of Newfoundland to Newfoundland and Labrador.

PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL PREMIERS' MEETING

January 24 - 25, 2002

Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

Agenda

1. New Approaches to Sustainability of Health Care
2. Innovation in Health Care Delivery
3. Inter-Provincial/Territorial Collaboration in Health Reforms
4. Federal-Provincial Relations

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell (Chair)	17
Ontario	Hon. Michael D. Harris	20
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry	19
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	6
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	6
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	3
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	8
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	12
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	6
Yukon	Hon. Pat Duncan	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	4
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	4
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Provinces Pave the Way for the Future of Health Care
  - Financial Pressures on Health Care
  - Premiers Commit to Create Premiers' Council of Canadian Health Awareness
  - Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the *Canada Health Act*
  - Aboriginal Health Care
  - Pharmaceuticals Management
  - Shared Utilization of Sites of Excellence for Low Volume Surgery
  - Human Resource Planning
  - Home and Long Term Care
- Sustainable Health Care for Canadians
  - Addressing Fiscal Imbalance, Report of Provincial-Territorial Finance Ministers, August 2001
  - Tables on Health Care
- Provinces Pave the Way for the Future of Health Care: Genetics and Preparing for Change
  - Charting New Territory in Healthcare - Executive Summary
  - Charting New Territory in Healthcare - Report

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- This meeting was a continuation of the Annual Premiers' Meeting held August 1 - 3, 2001.

43rd ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

July 31 - August 2, 2002

World Trade and Convention Centre (WTCC), Halifax, Nova Scotia

Agenda

Thursday, August 1, 2002

First Session:	Health Fiscal Imbalance
Working Lunch:	Federal/Provincial/Territorial Issues
Second Session:	Climate Change

Friday, August 2, 2002

Third Session:	Trade

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm (Chair)	24
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves	16
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry	19
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	9
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	7
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	7
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns	9
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	7
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	10
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	9
Yukon	Hon. Pat Duncan	5
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	6
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	4
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference communiques issued

- Premiers Call for New Funding Partnership for Health Care for Canadians
  - A report by the Conference Board of Canada on **Vertical Fiscal Imbalance, July 2002 - Fiscal Prospects for the Federal and Provincial/Territorial Governments** was released with this communique
- Statement: Trade
- Statement by the Chair: Climate Change
- Statement: Federal-Provincial-Territorial Consultation

NOTES

- The conference theme was 'Cooperating for Canadians'.
- The Conference sessions were closed.
- After an opening plenary session taken up mainly with progress reports on various ongoing initiatives, the Premiers met in private sessions for the rest of the conference.

APPENDIX

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The 10 year hosting sequence for Annual Premiers' Conferences:

00 MANITOBA
01 BRITISH COLUMBIA
02 NOVA SCOTIA
03 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
04 ONTARIO
05 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
06 ALBERTA
07 NEW BRUNSWICK
08 SASKATCHEWAN
09 QUEBEC

This list has no formal status. It simply reflects the pattern that Premiers have followed for well over three decades. The only variations were made in express recognition of the established sequence. In 1983, because it had hosted the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers' Conference two months earlier, Prince Edward Island exchanged its turn with Ontario. In 1992, Nova Scotia agreed to exchange its hosting year with Prince Edward Island.

PREMIERS' MEETING

January 23, 2003

Sutton Place Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

No public agenda issued. The subject discussed was:

- Health care

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	5
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves	23
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry	18
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	9
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	8
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	7
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	7
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	4
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqué

- First Ministers' Accord on Sustaining and Renewing Health Care for Canadians
  - Committed to Medicare
  - Sustainable Funding
  - Aboriginal Health Care
  - Priorities for Renewal
  - Increasing Accountability to Canadians
  - Meeting Needs Across Canada
  - Premiers Propose Health Accord

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Nova Scotia Premier John Hamm was not present but participated by teleconference call.
- Prince Edward Island Premier Patrick G. Binns was elected to chair the meeting on behalf of Premier John Hamm.
- Hon. Jane Purves, Nova Scotia's Minister of Health attended the meeting.

PREMIERS' MEETING

February 4, 2003

Fairmont Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ontario

Agenda

No agenda issued.

First Ministers and Heads of Delegation Attending*

Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves
Quebec	Monsieur Bernard Landry
Nova Scotia	Hon. Jane Purves, Minister of Health
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik

*No list of delegates or confirmation of attendance is available.

No Conference communiqué issued.

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- In the absence of Premier Hamm of Nova Scotia the meeting was chaired by Premier Binns of Prince Edward Island.
- This meeting was held prior to a private dinner hosted by the Prime Minister at 24 Sussex Drive on February 4, 2003, before the February 5th First Ministers' Meeting on Health Care.

44TH ANNUAL PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

July 9-11, 2003

Delta Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

1. Revitalizing Federal-Provincial-Territorial Relations: Dialogue for Change
2. Jobs and the Economy
3. Responding to Emergencies: SARS and BSE
4. Canada-United States Relations
5. Cooperation to Improve Programs and Services for our Citizens
   a) Health
   b) Fiscal Imbalance
6. Other Issues

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	18
Ontario	Hon. Ernie Eves	20
Quebec	Monsieur Jean Charest	16
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	11
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	9
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	8
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	6
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	5
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	9
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Roger Grimes	10
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	4
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	7
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	7
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Conference Communiqués

- Premiers Announce Plan to Build a New Era of Constructive and Cooperative Federalism
  - Council of the Federation
  - Annual First Ministers' Meetings
  - Consultation on Federal Appointments
  - Devolution of Powers to the Territories
  - Establishment of Federal/Provincial/Territorial Protocols of Conduct

- Jobs and the Economy
  - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)
  - Insurance
  - Interest Rate Policy
  - National Diamond Strategy
  - Northern Economic Development
  - Shrimp Quota Allocation
- Canada-United States Relations
- Health Care Remains Premiers' Number One Priority
  - Health Council
  - Responding to Public Health Emergencies
  - Equalization
  - Cooperation to Improve Programs and Services for Our Citizens

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Premiers agreed in principle to create a Council of the Federation, comprised of the thirteen Premiers.
- Premiers agreed to meet in Québec City on October 24, 2003 to finalize the mandate and structure of the Council of the Federation.

MEETING OF PREMIERS ON THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION

October 23-24, 2003

Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Québec, Quebec

Agenda

No public agenda issued. Among the subjects discussed were:

- Council of the Federation
- Meeting with Paul Martin

First Ministers and Heads of Delegation Attending		Delegates
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	5
Ontario	Hon. Dalton McGuinty	17
Quebec	Monsieur Jean Charest	13
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	7
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	9
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	5
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	5
Saskatchewan	W. Brent Cotter, Deputy Minister of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs	2
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	7
Newfoundland and Labrador	Barbara Knight, Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat	2
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	7
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	2
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqué

- Premiers Move Forward on the Council of the Federation
  - Council of the Federation
  - Meeting with Paul Martin

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- Although Premiers had agreed at the 2003 APC in Charlottetown to meet in Québec City on October 24, two governments were not represented by their Premiers. Saskatchewan was in the middle of an election campaign and Newfoundland and Labrador was in the midst of a transition after recently completing an election.
- Premiers agreed to meet in Charlottetown on December 5 to complete work on the Council when all Premiers were in attendance.

MEETING OF PREMIERS ON THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION

December 4-5, 2003

Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Agenda

No public agenda issued. The subject discussed was:

- Council of the Federation

First Ministers Attending		Delegates
Prince Edward Island	Hon. Patrick G. Binns (Chair)	10
Ontario	Hon. Dalton McGuinty	15
Quebec	Monsieur Jean Charest	14
Nova Scotia	Hon. John Hamm	8
New Brunswick	Hon. Bernard Lord	7
Manitoba	Hon. Gary Doer	4
British Columbia	Hon. Gordon Campbell	4
Saskatchewan	Hon. Lorne Calvert	5
Alberta	Hon. Ralph Klein	8
Newfoundland and Labrador	Hon. Danny Williams	7
Yukon	Hon. Dennis Fentie	3
Northwest Territories	Hon. Stephen Kakfwi	6
Nunavut	Hon. Paul Okalik	5
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Conference Secretary: Stuart MacKinnon

Conference Communiqués

- Premiers Look Forward to Next Meeting with Paul Martin
- Premiers Create the Council of the Federation
- Council of the Federation Founding Agreement
  - Preamble
  - Creation and Composition of the Council of the Federation
    - The governments of the 10 provinces and of the three territories of Canada, as represented by their premiers, are members of the Council.
  - Objectives
    - Strengthening interprovincial-territorial co-operation, forging closer ties between the members and contributing to the evolution of the Canadian federation;
    - Exercising leadership on national issues of importance to provinces and territories and in improving federal-provincial-territorial relations;
    - Promoting relations between governments which are based on respect for the constitution and recognition of the diversity within the federation; and
    - Working with the greatest respect for transparency and better communication with Canadians.

- Mandate of the Council
- Organization of the Council
  - Representation on the Council
  - Chair
    - The premiers of the provinces shall take turns chairing the Council according to the rotation established by the Annual Premiers' Conference. The term of office of the chair is one year. The chair shall act on behalf of the Council according to the mandates received from it.
    - The deputy chair shall be the premier who will chair the Council the following year.
  - Meetings
    - There will be an annual meeting of the Council of the Federation each summer in the province of the incoming chair. In addition, there will be at least one other meeting to be held in a province or territory each year in a location to be determined by the Council.
  - Committee of Ministers
  - Steering Committee
  - Secretariat
- Funding
- Other Bodies
- Final Provisions

NOTES

- The Conference sessions were closed.
- The meeting concluded with a formal signing ceremony of the Council of the Federation Founding Agreement.
- The focus of the Council will be heath care for Canadians and the strengthening the economic union.